(b) In Bihar mulberry tasar (tropical) and eri sericulture are being practised. The districts under each sector are as under:-

MULBERRY

(i) *Districts with above 1000 acres of Mulberry*

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(ii) *Districts with above 500 acres*

Ranchi, Gumla, Saharsa.

(iii) *Districts with above 1000 acres*

Singhbhum, Lohardaga, Dumka, Sahebganj.

(iv) *Districts with below 100 acres*

Palama-U. Hazaribagh, Dhanbad, Giridih, Jahanabad, Patna, Rohtas, Nalanda, Chapra, Siwan, Gopalganj, West Champaran, East Champaran, Sitamarhi, Vaishali, Muzaffarpur, Madhubani, Samastipur, Begusarai, Katihar, Bhagalpur, Godda Gaya.

TASAR Tasar culture is largely confined to south Bihar. The other districts where Teasr is practised are Bhagalpur, Munger, Nawada, Rohtas.

ERI Eri is being practised in the following districts:- Patna, Begusarai, Gaya, Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur, Munger, Ranchi.

(c) In order to supplement the efforts of the State Sericulture Department, the Central Silk Board has been implementing the following schemes applicable to all States including Bihar State to encourage development of sericulture in the country:-

1. Supply of mulberry cuttings/saplings at 50% cost.

2. Free supply of rearing equipments to marginal farmers.

3. Supply of nylon nets for Uzifly control at 50% cost.

4. Incentive Bonus to Bivoltine Silkworm rearers and reelers.

5. Arranging farmers study tour.

6. Establishment of mulberry demonstration farm at farmers field at CSB cost.

7. Working capital assistance to the reelers at subsidised interest for purchase of cocoons.

8. Arranging marketing and transportation facilities to the rearers for disposal of cocoons at reeling centres.

(d) and (e). The State Government of Bihar has not reported any such damage to the Central Silk Board.

[*English*]

Loans to Weaker Sections in Uttar Pradesh

7120. SHRI HUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the weaker sections are not being extended loans under the differential rate of interest scheme;

(b) the amount of loan the number of persons to whom loans were extended by different nationalist and other commercial banks in Uttar Pradesh during the last two years and also during the current financial years so far;

(c) the amount of loans sanctioned to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and the backward classes during the above period; and

(d) the number of applications for loans

pending with different banks separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The banks advances under the Differential Rate of Interest (DRI) Scheme form part of their advance to 'weaker Sections' The thrus of the credit policy continues to channel increased flow of credit to weaker sections.

(b) and (c). Available date relating to scheduled commercial banks DRI advances and the share of scheduled casts/scheduled tribes (SC/SI) therein in the State of Uttar Pradesh are as follows:

(No. of Accounts in lakhs)
(Balance outstanding in crores of Rs)

At the end of	DRI advances		of which to SC/ST	
	No. of accounts	Balance outstanding	No. of accounts	Balance outstanding
September, 1988	2.87	58.09	1.44	27.67
March, 1989	3.19	62.70	1.47	31.34
September, 1989	2.85	64.95	1.40	29.52

Reserve Bank of India has advised that no separate data is reported in respect of other Backward Classes.

(d) The data reporting system from bank does not generate the information relating to the number of applicant for various loans pending with different banks.

Relaxation in Import Curbs on Leather Industry.

7121. SHRIMATI BASVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has recently relaxed import curbs on leather industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the items covered by this relaxation; and

(d) the extent to which it will be beneficial to leather industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c). The Reserve Bank of India by its notification dated 9.8.91 has allowed exemption from the requirement of prescribed minimum cash margins in respect of undermentioned items for leather industry for import by manufacturer-exporters, as well as by export trading houses, provided there are no export bills outstanding beyond six months from the date of export in excess of the prescribed tolerance levels:

(a) Beta naphthylamine

(b) Calamine

(c) Calcium boride

(d) Hides and skins, raw or salted, where the value of hides and skins is more than that